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DEC 14 2001

WRT Management
1 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Re: CRWSC - Northbridge
RAO, AUL
Opposite Arcade Pond
355 Main Street

Attention: Leonard Jolles,
Property Manager

RTN 2-11846

**RAO SCREENING REVIEW
AUL SUMMARY COMPLIANCE REVIEW**

Dear Mr. Jolles,

On December 8, 1997, the Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) received a Class A-3 Response Action Outcome (RAO) Statement and Activity & Use Limitation (AUL) for the above-referenced site. On August 5, 1998, the Legislature enacted the "Brownfields Act" which called on the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct targeted audits of sites at which Activity and Use Limitations ("AULs") have been implemented in order to ensure that these sites are meeting the requirements of Massachusetts laws and regulations, including Massachusetts General Law chapter 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). The Department's audit of this site consisted of a RAO screening review and an AUL Summary Compliance Review.

RESPONSE ACTION OUTCOME (RAO) SCREENING REVIEW

A screening review of the Response Action Outcome (RAO) was performed using a standard Department checklist. Examples of the Department's checklists are available on the Internet at <http://www.state.ma.us/dep/bwsc/audits.htm>. Based on the screening review of the RAO, the Department is not directing you to undertake further response actions at this time with regard to the RAO. Please note, however, that the review conducted by the Department on the RAO was not a comprehensive audit, and the Department reserves the right to conduct a comprehensive audit of the RAO at any time in the future. It is possible that a future audit of the RAO, if one

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occurs, may identify deficiencies and/or violations of applicable laws and regulations, and may require you to undertake further response actions at the site.

AUL SUMMARY COMPLIANCE REVIEW

The Department has established special procedures for reviewing AULs recorded on or before October 29, 1999, including the AUL Notice instrument submitted as part of the Response Action Outcome (RAO) for your site. Please note that these procedures do not apply to AULs recorded on or after October 30, 1999, and this Summary of AUL Compliance Review should not be relied upon to predict audit results for such AULs.

Applying the procedures described above, the Department has not identified any errors in the AUL Notice instrument that require correction. In order to ensure that the public is aware of the restrictions that the AUL imposes at the site, the Department may issue a public notice identifying the site and the location of the AUL at the Registry of Deeds. Such notice may be published in a local newspaper and/or on the Internet.

LICENSED SITE PROFESSIONAL

A copy of this letter has been sent to Neal Drawas, LSP#9844, the LSP-of-Record for the Disposal site.

LIMITATIONS & RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

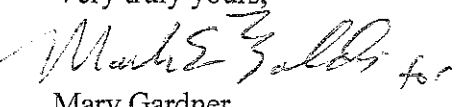
Please note that the screening review conducted by the Department on the RAO was not a comprehensive audit, and the Department reserves the right to conduct a comprehensive audit of the RAO at any time in the future. It is possible that a future comprehensive audit, if one occurs, may identify violations of applicable laws and regulations, may require you to undertake further response actions at the site, and may invalidate the Activity & Use Limitation. The screening review is not a representation by the Department that the RAO complies with M.G.L. c.21E, 310 CMR 40.0000, or any other laws, regulations, or requirements.

The Department's findings were based upon the accuracy and certainty of the information reviewed during the audit. These findings do not: (1) preclude future audits of past, current, or future actions at the site; (2) apply to actions or other aspects of the site that were not reviewed in the audit; (3) in any way constitute a release from any liability, obligation, action or penalty under M.G.L. c. 21E, 310 CMR 40.0000, or any other laws, regulations, or requirements. The Department retains authority to take or arrange, or to require any Responsible Party or Potentially Responsible Party to perform any response action authorized by M.G.L. c. 21E, which the Department deems necessary to protect health, safety, public welfare, or the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Greg Root at 508-849-4017. Please reference the Release Tracking Number 2-11846 in any future correspondence to the Department regarding the site.

Very truly yours,

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Mary Gardner
Section Chief
Audits and Site Management
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

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